

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1215
Date: 30 June 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Please find below an FOI request regarding e-bikes (electric bikes).

1. Please could you provide me with the number of reported casualties in accidents/collisions involving e-bikes (electric bikes) for each of the following calendar years:

- a) 2018**
- b) 2019**
- c) 2020**
- d) 2021**
- e) 2022 to date**

2. For each of the calendar years outlined in Q1, please could you provide a breakdown of the reported casualties in Q1 by the following categories:

- i) Killed**
- ii) Serious injury**
- iii) Slight injury**
- iv) Total**

3. For each of the calendar years outlined in Q1, please could you provide a breakdown of the reported casualties in Q1 by the following road user types:

- i) e-bike user**
- ii) pedestrian**
- iii) pedal cyclist**
- iv) motor cyclist**
- v) e-scooter user**
- vi) car occupant**
- vii) van occupant**
- viii) bus occupant**
- ix) other vehicle occupant**

Having considered your request in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

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As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, there is no category when collating road traffic collisions that is specific to electric bikes. Therefore we would have to carry out detailed searches of all road traffic collisions involving cycles to establish whether they met the criteria of your request. As such given the volume of reports this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You may find the information available from Transport Scotland useful: [Key Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2021 | Transport Scotland](#) previous years data is also available on their website.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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